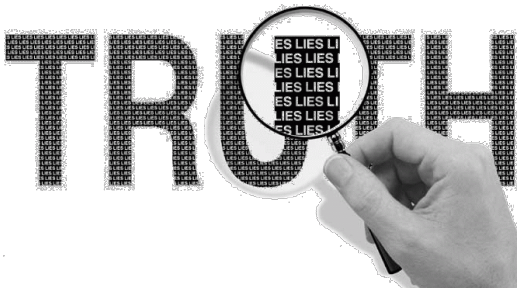
Prepare for War (Part II)

Setting up Our Defenses



> **Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:11-12 (KJV)**

Once we are willing to fight and prepared to do so we will ready ourselves for battle by putting on the armor of God as outlined in **Ephesians 6:11-19** (KJV). This is something I do daily and it really helps. As I outlined in the article **"Body, Soul and Spirit"** we all have both a physical and spiritual body (**1 Corinthians 15:44 KJV**). This armor is placed on our spirits to protect us. In addition to putting on our armor every day these days God has been reminding me to make a daily habit of breaking all witchcraft in the name of Jesus Christ.

> **"In the Name of Jesus Christ I break any spell, incantation, curse or any other witchcraft directed towards me, my family or any of our property. I send any evil spirits directed towards me or my house back from whence they came in the name of Jesus Christ"**

This must be prayed aloud, as it is directed towards Satan and his minions who cannot read our minds. Put it in your own words if you'd like, the important thing is that **His name is Jesus**, not Yahweh or Yeshua. Demons will not flee in the names of demon gods, but only the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Satan knows the power of His name, which is why He is deceiving many into using another.

Strongholds are Clusters of Lies

> **For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (KJV)**

Spiritual strongholds are always built on the foundation of one or more lies, which should come as no surprise to us seeing that Satan is the father of lies. So when we see a ministry that is teaching lies we can be certain that powerful satanic strongholds are in place there.

By far the most common stronghold in the churches is **"Once Saved, Always Saved"**, which is actually a conclusion based on a cluster of lies that support each other, each one sinking us farther into deception like quicksand. I touched upon this truth in **"We who are Sinners"**. The basic cluster is this:

Lie: "We are no longer sinners"

Sometimes as in the case of Carter Conlon et al. this is explained as our sins are not imputed to us. This lie is

easily torn down by verses like **Hebrews 4:15-16 (KJV)** and **Mark 2:17 (KJV)**.

Lie: We don't need to confess and repent from our sins.

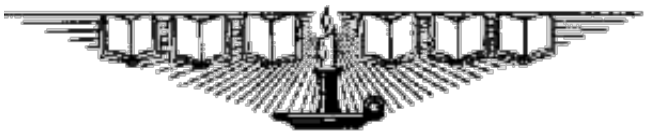
Here you can see the cluster pattern forming, because if we are no longer sinners then it goes without saying that we don't need to confess sins that aren't charged to our accounts.

Lie: We cannot lose our salvation.

Here we see the cluster of lies come together. If I'm no longer a sinner, and don't need to confess my sins then I must be "Once Saved, Always Saved"! But there is a larger deception attached here, because if we cannot commit a sin that will be charged to our accounts and cannot lose our salvation what is required of us?

> **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**
> **Matthew 7:22-23 (KJV)**

This is where our salvation may be easily turned into one of justifying ourselves through good works instead of faith in the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ applied by repentance of sins. Basically in this mind state we are doing good deeds as a type of 'love offering' to Jesus, instead of as the result of a change of heart. The sad truth is if we were "Once Saved, Always Saved" then we wouldn't need Jesus anymore, except perhaps as a reference on Judgment day.

> **When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**
> **Mark 2:17 (KJV)**

That is the real lesson of the above scripture; Jesus came to save the sinners, not the righteous. So if we're not sinners then Christ has nothing to offer us.